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1. IN VIEW VARIOUS UNCERTAINTIES PROPOSED MARVIN GAYE APPEARANCE FOR GHANA TRADE FAIR AND NO INDICATION THUS FAR OF ALTERNATE POSSIBILITIES AS PROPOSED REFTEL A, WOULD APPRECIATE UNCLASSIFIED

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ACTIVE CONSIDERATION SCHEDULING HAL SINGER QUARTET AT BEGINNING

OF TOUR REFTEL B TO BE IN ACCRA SPECIFICALLY FOR U.S. DAY FEBRUARY 2.

- 2. U.S. DAY, SECOND DAY OF TRADE FAIR, IS TO BE OUR OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR MAJOR INVESTMENT IN FAIR EXHIBIT WITH CULTURAL PRESENTATION TO UNUSUALLY LARGE AND HIGH-LEVEL TARGET AUDIENCE. AMBASSADOR WILL HOST FUNCTION IN LARGE INDOOR LOCATION ON FAIR GROUNDS. A FIRST-RATE REPRESENTATION OF AMERICAN CULTURE WILL ADD IMMEASURABLY TO IMPACT OF OCCASION AND OF ENTIRE AMERICAN PARTICIPATION THIS IMPORT GHANAIAN EVENT.
- 3. POST CAN PROGRAM SINGER GROUP FOR THAT NIGHT ONLY OR FOR UP TO TWO ADDITIONAL DAYS OF PROGRAMMING DEPENDING ON OTHER SCHEDULING NEEDS. JAZZ WORKSHOPS AT TWO UNIVERSITIES WOULD BE PARTICULARLY VALUABLE ESPECIALLY AS WORKSHOPS HAD TO BE DROPPED AT LAST MINUTE FROM GUY-WELLS RECENT SCHEDULING IN GHANA.
- 4. FOR CU/ARTS. REQUEST URGENT ASSESSMENT CURRENT STATUS PLANNING AND PROSPECTS FOR GAYE APPEARANCE. PLEASE INFO FOR PARIS FOR ARS. IN VIEW OF MONEY-RAISING AND COMMERCIAL SPONSORSHIP PROBLEMS, DOES DEPARTMENT NOW SEE REALISTIC POSSIBILITY HIS MAKING THE TRIP? FYI SOME DOUBTS ARISING HERE RE POSSIBILITIES GETTING AUTHORITY FOR DOLLAR PAYMENTS. F FINANCIAL POSITION OF PROPOSED SPONSOR ALSO NOT FULLY CLARIFIED.
- 5. FOR PARIS ARS. ACCRA COULD NOT PROGRAM SINGER GROUP IN LATTER HALF FEBRUARY AS PROPOSED REFTEL. PENDING RESOLUTION UNCERTAINTIES MENTIONED ABOVE, APPRECIATE YOUR EXPLORING URGENTLY POSSIBILITY ALTERING SCHEDULE PROPOSED REFTEL TO MAKE POSSIBLE SINGER APPEARANCE ACCRA NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 2 WITH POSSIBILITY EXTENDING STAY UP TO TWO MORE DAYS. LATTER ENTIRELY OPTIONAL DEPENDING ON FLIGHTS AND NEEDS OF OTHER POSTS. BLACK

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